IOWA UCR PROGRAM UPDATE

Charge Code Table Updates

The Iowa UCR program updated the state charge code table used for crime reporting. The updated table includes additional statutes/charges, and has been shared with records management system (RMS) vendors. It is available for agency use within the I-CRIME Resources section.

The table, which includes reportable charges and recommended offense codes, helps ensure the state program receives valid and consistent data. The Iowa UCR program accepts state statutes only. To report arrests (including summons/citations) that stem from city or county ordinances, agencies must map them to a comparable state statute.

Please keep in mind that traffic charges, with limited exceptions, are excluded from crime reporting. This is true regardless of charge level. As such, charges such as Driving While License Suspended and Unlawful Passing of School Bus should not be reported to the Iowa UCR program.

2022 Data Submissions

Per program policy, and to comply with Iowa Code § 692.15, agencies should submit monthly crime data. Starting in 2022, data from the previous month should be submitted by the 15th day of the current month (i.e., April 2022 is due on May 15, 2022).

By reporting data monthly, both the Iowa UCR program and the FBI have an opportunity to identify trends and conduct quality assurance.

As part of the transition to I-CRIME, agencies are responsible for reporting their own data. This is true regardless of the submission method - it applies to those using an RMS file upload, I-CRIME Data Center, and the CIRF-NIBRS forms within TraCS. Please note that the Iowa DOT did not transmit data in April 2022, as they work to release updated software.

Farewell Message

As I prepare to resign from my position as UCR program manager, I wanted to take one final opportunity to express my gratitude. I know I've said it before, but you have been the best part of this job. Thank you for working alongside me as I managed the transition to I-CRIME and developed new program policies. I know it wasn't easy and I appreciate all your contributions to the state program. The program could not be successful without you.

Following my departure, Kim Adams will provide support until a new program manager is hired. She may be reached at ibrinfo@dps.state.ia.us.

Program Resources

The Iowa UCR program has developed numerous resources for agencies. These are available within I-CRIME, and many are also available on the DPS website. The resources, which include recorded training sessions, provide guidance on the current reporting requirements. Please use these as a starting point when questions arise related to crime reporting.

Please contact ibrinfo@dps.state.ia.us with any questions related to the Iowa UCR program.